



The Silver Years



SALLY B. FAMARIN



Silver Anniversary

"FRIENDS OF SALLY BASIGA FAMARIN"

Cordially invites you to a
Champagne Cocktails & Hor d' oeuvres
In Honor of the
SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF REALTOR
SALLY BASIGA FAMARIN
in conjunction with
her 33 YEARS of COMMUNITY SERVICE
On Saturday, July 13, 1985

at the
Auditorium, Hall of Flowers
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
California; U.S.A.

5 P.M. - 6 P.M. Thanksgiving Mass
6 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Champagne & Hor d' oeuvres
8:30 P.M. - 9 P.M. Programme
9 P.M. - 11:30 P.M. Dance! Dance!

Semi-Formal
Music - Mar Ybona's Sampaguita Orchestra

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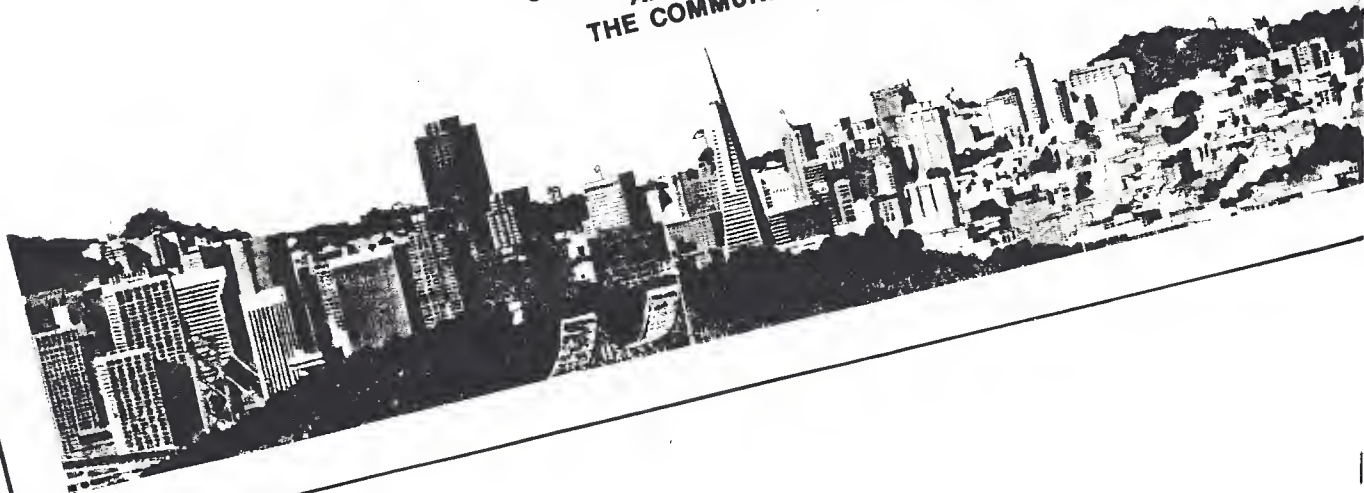
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Sally Basiga Famarin



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PROGRAMME
July 13, 1985 — 8:30 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies — Nestor Ocampo, Radio Broadcaster, KEST, San Francisco

1. THANKSGIVING MASS
2. PRESENTATION OF COLORS
3. REMARKSHon. Harry Britt
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
4. ADDRESS Ambassador Romeo Arguelles
Consul General of the Philippines
5. California State Senate Resolution Presentation Senator John F. Foran
California State Senate Legislature
6. Mandaue City Council Resolution, Presented by Hon. Arlo Smith
San Francisco District Attorney
7. No. 1 REALTOR Award John H. Atkinson
House of Upshur
8. Surprises
9. Acknowledgement Commissioner Sally B. Famarin

DANCE!

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DANCE!

A PERSON is the sum total of his memories. The statement rings even more true when one considers the case of people whose memories are erased by a really traumatic accident or illness. We then speak of their personality as having changed: they are no longer the people they once were, no longer able to relate to their friends and loved ones, not even the most casual acquaintances.

Our century is a century of change. Everywhere our identities are challenged and threatened. It becomes an effort to remain ourselves. Hence my eagerness in sharing with you, dear friend, the memories of my life — memories which have made me what I am.

A Silver Jubilee such as the one I celebrate this year as Realtor provides me with the opportunity — call it excuse — for gathering my memories together. While magic onstage is said to be mostly done with mirrors, I have chosen to employ pictures — a few among the very many I have accumulated over the years, some of them yellowing with age, pictures of a tiny, far-away barrio where my humble life had its beginnings.

I was born in a remote section of Mandaue City, in Cebu, the Philippines, on 11 November. My parents, Severo Ranili Basiga and Serapia Seno Dabon, had four children: Avelina, Policronio, Soledad (my baptismal name), and Estefa. My family was poor, and early on we learned the most basic lesson of life, that success and hard work always go hand in hand. There was plenty of time for child's play, and the whole sleepy, pastoral, almost paradisaical barrio was our playground. No expensive toys, in fact no toys except what we could invent. One really had to use one's imagination and ingenuity.

Success came early in the form of highest honors from the grade school I attended, Cabancalan Elementary School. From age five, prizes in declamation and academics came easily to me. I had the happiness of having very appreciative parents, generous and supportive teachers, and friends who wished me ever more and more success.

Then my father died. I was eleven, a happy child — too happy in fact, for I was not prepared to accept this first hard fact of life. My father's death hurt me very deeply. I no longer wanted to continue schooling. This was complicated by the need for Mother to work in order to keep the family alive. Still she made it her supreme campaign to keep me in school, even when I had to enter the higher grades in a public school in downtown Mandaue. Another complication was that I had to walk some seven miles a day to and from school. But my mother's persistence paid off, and I was able to finish grade school properly. After that, more hard work became my daily bread. In what seemed to be very far-away Cebu City, where I had to enrol at the Provincial High School, the cost of schooling and commuting was high. I started working part-time, doing laundry work. This most humble of occupations sustained me for the better part of four years. I was even able to go to the Business School of Southern College (now the University of Southern Philippines) until the war broke out and all organized life came to a standstill.

At this time I discovered literature. Poetry in our native tongue had a special allure for me. By age 14 I had a whole sheaf of poems ready for any occasion, any audience. One poem about the ugliness of war stands out in my memory, because it was my most requested number. I soon marshaled this love for literature to help people forget the woes of wartime. I organized and headed a group known as Young Bachelors Club and another called Dramatic Club. It was hard to tell who enjoyed our performances more: those onstage or those on the ground. But we were much in demand, our numbers and performances increasing as the years of war dragged on.

After the war I found employment as bookkeeper and business manager for Mrs. Aquilina R. Velez, with whom I stayed for four years. It was an experience that sharpened my business acumen, and helped me grow as a responsible person. The money came in handy. Soon I was able to build my mother a decent house, where she lived until she, too, passed away.

During these years, although life was hectic and work of prime importance, romance came in the person of Carsiolo Famarin, a native of Aklan, Philippines. He was an American citizen with an honorable discharge from the United States Army. We were married on February 5, 1950, and in August of that same year we decided to migrate to the United States. We settled down in San Francisco, California and started raising children. The next ten years I spent as a housewife, taking care of our four children: Sally Anne, Cathay, Rudy, and Rose Marie.

When my youngest, Rose Marie entered kindergarten, I started attending Real Estate School. Mrs. Lucille Dedier Meyer, Realtor of House and Homes Realty, enrolled me at Chamberlain Real Estate School in San Francisco, after which I started working for House and Homes, spending two years as real estate salesman. Encouraged by my success, I decided to go for my broker's license and attended Harlowe's Real Estate School in 1962. I passed the examination given by the Division of Real Estate in California and opened my own office: Famarin Realty. Business was blooming — again due to hard work — and my next step was to expand my office, accomodating more personnel and tendering more services. In 1963 a bigger office was opened in the Sunset-Parkside area of San Francisco, by which time I became the first Filipino



Photo was taken during preparations for the 1985 Grand Fiesta Señor in San Francisco, whose major highlight has been a solemn procession of the image ("imported" from Cebu, Philippines) through the streets of San Francisco.

Woman Realtor in California. Although my business sported a new name: United Homes Realty, I still retained Famarin Realty for sentimental reasons.

In 1962 the business began to include the services of a Notary Public, when I became a chartered member of the American Society of Notaries. Complete real estate service since 1965 included the following: Notary Public, United Homes Insurance Service, General Insurance, Business Opportunities, Travel Consultancy. Then in 1975 I received my Income Tax Diploma from H & R Block of San Francisco, and took my license as Real Property Securities Dealer in 1980. Meanwhile I had obtained a license to run an ambulatory home for the aged — an experience whose civic and community angle paved the way for more involvement in the community life of San Francisco.

I started to be involved in spearheading campaigns of political figures by supporting their programs before the Filipino community. Most of the candidates were victorious, but that, of course, is due to their own hard work. What is beyond doubt is that my involvement in the candidacy of these successful men and women made them aware of the importance of the Filipino — which in turn gave our ethnic group not a few benefits.

In 1967 I revisited the Philippines — *rediscovered* is probably a better word. That confrontation with my roots left such a deep impression on me that it has guided most of my actions since, especially my small efforts to make the Santo Niño de Cebu known and loved (and rediscovered) by other Filipinos wherever I go. Being a resident of San Francisco made it necessary for me that the Santo Niño should have a grand fiesta every year, in January, just like in good old Cebu. My efforts in this area succeeded to the point that the City Fathers endorsed and applauded the celebration each year, and each year the number of devotees increased by leaps and bounds. The late Mayor Moscone once expressed the opinion that my spearheading the annual fiesta, complete with solemn procession of the image through the streets of downtown San Francisco, was the most important single item among my accomplishments. It required a lot of effort, patience amid trials, and courage, but the Santo Niño saw to it that I had a good supply of those qualities.

The Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in downtown San Francisco was so touched by the enthusiasm displayed by the Filipino community — and by non-Filipinos as well — that he threw the doors of his church wide open for the devotion. So that in 1980 the Santo Niño was enthroned in St. Joseph's church, waiting for the day when He will have a place of His own, a shrine that will house His image, and a cultural and spiritual capital for transplanted Filipinos in San Francisco. As the Pastor, Father James A. McGee summed it up, "The Santo Niño can really bring a dying parish back to life again." Words of inspiration that spurred me on to bring the devotion to other Filipinos outside of California, even to Canada and far-away Australia. •

Between 1971 and 1976 people who were supportive of my efforts and my humble person saw it fit to give me recognition, in the form of testimonial banquets. These were mostly occasioned by my having made it into the pages of *Who's Who in the Golden State* and *Who's Who of American Women*, and my being the "First Filipino" to hold three important positions in the City and County of San Francisco (including Landmarks Commissioner, City Planning, and Child Health Commissioner). Awards and Recognitions came from the President of the United States, California's Gov. Jerry Brown, Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco, and appreciative public authorities of the Philippines. The California State Senate and Assembly three times issued the certificate of honor for my behalf. A specially touching gesture came from my own hometown, Mandaue City, whose public square witnessed an unforgettable evening of songs and dances, poetry and prose. Also the food was delicious, as only Filipino food can be.

Lest I paint a picture too rosy to be true, let me admit that, all throughout, there have been jarring notes, moments of defeat and discouragement. Perhaps the hardest thing I had to contend with was envy and jealousy on the part of some leaders and people around me, including close friends. While I have grown stronger because of this challenge, I can only wish that there had been more friendliness and sincerity. I often wondered how I could forge ahead. Now I know: the Santo Niño has the explanation of the mystery that my son-in-law, Andre, mentioned to my daughter so many times: "Mom just don't give up. She just keeps on going."

This is the main reason why my best efforts have been spent, not with my business as Realtor, but with my work of multiplying the Holy Child's devotees all over: Oakland-Union City, Seattle, New York, San Jose, Nevada, Merced-Stanislaus, Wisconsin, San Diego, Sacramento, Hawaii, British Columbia, Australia, and West Germany. Other places are soon to follow, given good health and leisure which good business allows.

So much for memories by way of the written word. The rest will be done with pictures, if you have the patience to wade through the succeeding pages. Indeed it has been a full life: full of friends, projects, accomplishments. And I know that there will be more while life goes on, for I believe that service to God and country never ends. You just rest, but you never finish.

— Sally B. Famarin

M E S S A G E

CONGRATULATIONS, MOM, ON YOU TWENTY FIFTH SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

OUR DEEPEST LOVE AND RESPECT FOR ALL THE STRENGTH AND
DETERMINATION YOU HAVE SHOWN AS A MOTHER, BUSINESSWOMAN,
AND COMMUNITY LEADER. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF ALL YOUR
ACHEIVEMENTS, AND TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE A SPECIAL MOTHER
LIKE YOU.

RUDY
SALLY ANN
CATHAY





Santo Niño de Cebu

CEBU

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Established Since 1968

AKA SANTO NINO DE CEBU ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER SALLY B. FAMARIN, THE
FOUNDER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND WORLD EMISSARY OF THE
CEBU ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INCORPORATED, A K A
SANTO NINO DE CEBU ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ON YOUR
REALTORS SILVER ANNIVERSARY AND 23 YEARS OF EXTENSIVE
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND ALL OF YOUR ENDEAVORS TO
MANKIND. YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE CEBU ASSOCIATION IS
AN EXAMPLE TO ALL.

THE MEMBERS WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE
YEARS TO COME.GOOD LUCK!





Mrs. Sally Famarin
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Famarin:

I am happy to send my felicitations to a distinguished spiritual daughter on this important occasion. Your achievement is indeed noteworthy, and I assure you of my prayers for continued success in all your endeavors.

As custodian of the faith in Cebu Archdiocese, I am pleased to note your efforts in spreading the devotion to our beloved Santo Niño — Cebuano par excellence! May God reward you for this, and keep you forever in his loving care.

My predecessor, the late Cardinal, was also a tireless apostle of the devotion to the Santo Niño, and he saw it as a sure sign of living faith, if a community struggled to keep ever burning this same devotion. Thus may the Santo Niño bring to your community his gifts of deep faith, fraternal charity, humility and solidarity.

With my paternal blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

The Most Rev. Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal
Archbishop of Cebu



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cebu
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



Mrs. S. B. Famarin
San Francisco, California

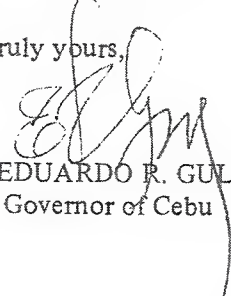
Dear Sally:

Congratulations on achieving the fruits that only hard work and God's goodness can bring: the indelible fact of a silver jubilee.

I have noted your helpfulness toward our fellow Cebuanos in many occasions in the past, and I take it upon myself to thank your civic-spiritedness as well as your Cebuano trait of helpfulness. May this continue in the many years that remain for this is certainly what gives public office or prominence its meaning.

May the Santo Nino continue to bless you and your family in the years to come.

Very truly yours,


HON. EDUARDO R. GULLAS
Governor of Cebu

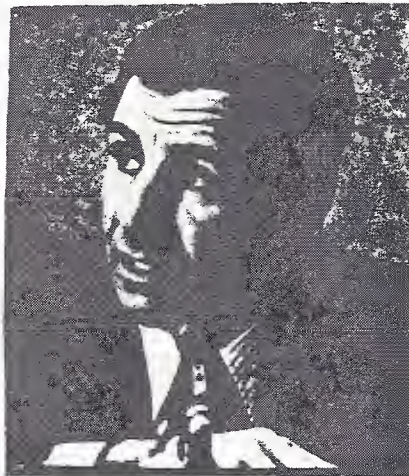


GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN
GOVERNOR

State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 95814

TELEPHONE
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May 21, 1984

TO: SALLY FAMARIN

It gives me pleasure to convey my regards as you are honored by your friends.

America has long been a land of hope and opportunity, and people from the Philippines have come to her in search of a better life. In turn, through hard work and determination, Filipino-Americans like you have contributed greatly to our society. Your professional success and your many civic endeavors, such as with the Cebu Association, have earned you widespread respect and admiration.

I commend your efforts and offer my best wishes.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Deukmejian".

George Deukmejian

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO



DIANNE FEINSTEIN



May 9 1984

Friends of Sally B. Famarin
2207-28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Sally and Friends:

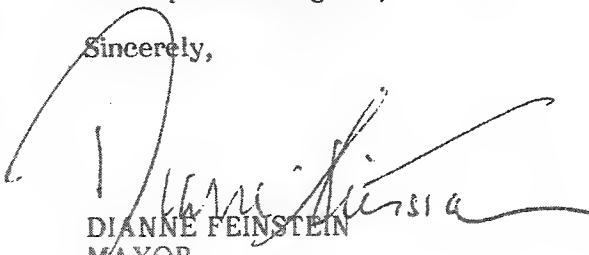
I am delighted to learn that many of Sally's friends, loved ones and admirers are planning a gala celebration to salute Sally's 25 years of outstanding professional services as a realtor and 33 years of public services to San Francisco.

This is indeed a momentous milestone in Sally's long and dedicated career and on behalf of all San Franciscans, please accept our heartfelt Congratulations and very Best Wishes. You have been a model of exemplary public services, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to excellence and for your unwavering dedication to the well-being of our entire community.

Have a wonderful Silver Anniversary and thank you, again, for your invaluable efforts to enhance and improve San Francisco's overall quality of life.

Warm personal regards,

Sincerely,


DIANNE FEINSTEIN
MAYOR

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL

PHILIPPINE CENTER BUILDING
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16 May 1984

Dear Mrs. Famarin:

It is with great pleasure that I join your friends in honoring you as you celebrate your Silver Anniversary as a Realtor and your 33rd year of service to the community.

This is indeed a fine tribute from your friends and colleagues and a reward you richly deserve for your many years of splendid service in the business community and to the people of the state through your active involvement in socio-civic, religious and political activities.

With your very impressive background and long record of fine achievements, I can think of no other woman who would have been a better choice. My very best wishes to you!

Sincerely yours,

ROMEO A. ARGUELLES
Consul General



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Office of the Mayor

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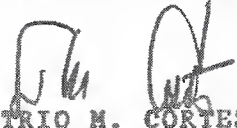


• MESSAGE •

The Community of Mandaue is indeed privileged to have Mandauehanons who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of social and economic endeavors in the United States of America and elsewhere in the world.

Among these worthy Mandauehanons is COMMISSIONER SALLY BASIGA FAMARIN who has excelled herself in community service as well as in various economic and cultural undertakings in San Francisco, California, and who, despite her exemplary achievements have shown concern and contributed, in no small measure, for the good and welfare of her beloved Mandaue.

On the occasion of her silver anniversary as realtor, I therefore, convey the sincerest gratitude and warmest felicitations of the Community and that of my own. It is my fervent hope that the years ahead will be accentuated with more laurels of success.


DEMETRIO M. CORTES
City Mayor

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

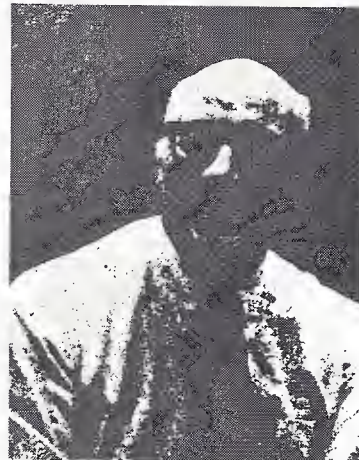
ARLO SMITH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



SAN FRANCISCO

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May 23rd, 1984



Heartfelt congratulations to Sally Famarin on the occasion of her Realtor's Silver Anniversary and her 33 years of community service.

This event is truly a celebration of Sally's ability to combine a successful business career and such total civic involvement that her community work is almost a full-time career. I would like to add my deep appreciation for her efforts on behalf of a wide range of community concerns in the area of crime prevention.

As the first Filipino woman realtor in the State of California, Sally's successful business career has given her a busy schedule yet she always has found the time for civic activities such as the City's Landmarks Preservation Commission and the South of Market Alliance as well as religious activities such as spearheading the Cebu Association of California (Santo Nino de Cebu Association International).

Above all, Sally Famarin is a San Franciscan who is dedicated to actively working for the improvement of life in our city. I am very pleased to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Friends of Sally Famarin.

A handwritten signature of Arlo Smith in cursive script.

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Friends of Sally Famarin
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94116

August, 1984

Dear Friends of Sally Famarin:

I am please to join you in honoring Sally Famarin's Silver Anniversary as a realtor in conjunction with her 33 years of service to the community!

I have known Ms. Famarin for several years. In that time, I have come to admire her for her energy, her commitment to serving others and her perserverance.

She has established a distinguished track record in San Francisco as a Commissioner on the San Francisco Commission on Historic Preservation, as the Founder, President Emeritus, and World Emmissary for the Santo Nino de Cebu Association and as the first Filipino woman Supervisorial candidate in San Francisco History.

Please convey my heartiest congratulations to this outstanding San Franciscan. And wish her my best for many, many more years of success!

Sincerely,

ART AGNOS



The Municipal Court
San Francisco, California

RONALD E. QUIDACHAY, JUDGE



1984

Dear Sally Famarin:

Congratulations on your 25 th Anniversary as the First Filipino Woman Realtor in California and for your 33 years of continued service to the Community.

Your pioneering spirit and efforts in the business world, religion, politics ,civic affairs and family during the past three decades has strengthened the foundations in all fields and set the cornerstone in many.

It is indeed a pleasure to join with others to honor you on this momentous occasion.

Best Wishes

Ronald E. Quidachay
Judge Ronald E. Quidachay



The Municipal Court

San Francisco, California

INA LEVIN GYEMANT, JUDGE

June 6, 1984



Friends of Sally B. Famarin
2207 28th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94116

Dear Sally and Friends,

I am delighted to join your friends in celebrating
your Realtors Silver Anniversary.

You have been an inspiration not only in the Filipino
community, but you have also been a model for all
women to follow.

Your distinguished career speaks for itself. Your
dedication to the community has been outstanding and
we have all benefitted from your hard work.

All my best wishes to you on your Silver Anniversary.

Warm regards,

Ina Gyemant
Ina Levin Gyemant,
Judge



The Municipal Court
San Francisco, California

ALFRED G. CHIANTELLI, JUDGE

May 22, 1984



Friends of Sally B. Famarin
2207 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Sally:

Congratulations! I join your many friends
in commemorating your Realtor's Silver Anniversary.

San Francisco has benefited from your
tremendous energy in your social, civic, religious and
political activities.

Sincerely,

Alfred G. Chiantelli
Alfred G. Chiantelli,
Judge

AGC/el

City and County of San Francisco

Recreation and Park Department



May 22, 1984

"Friends of Sally B. Famarin"
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear friends:

It is with great pleasure that we salute Sally Famarin on the occasion of her Silver Anniversary as a Realtor in California.

Mrs. Sally Famarin has been a frequent visitor to the Permits and Reservation Section of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department over the years as she arranged the details of permits for various civic celebrations conducted in Civic Center Plaza and in other city parks and squares.

We wish Mrs. Famarin many years of happiness in the future. Sally Famarin is a living example of how one can be happy in the service of others.

Sincerely yours,


Leonard Fitzpatrick
Asst. Superintendent of Recreation


Bernice Rodgers
Asst. Recreation Supervisor

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McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

San Francisco 94117

MESSAGE

As the first Filipino Woman REALTOR in California, you have set an example to the business world of women in our community.

As a Commissioner of San Francisco Landmarks, you have shown the lofty and high ideals of the Filipino people. In your tireless efforts and hardwork in preserving San Francisco's cultural heritage you have demonstrated your service to the people of San Francisco;

As a mother, you have shown aspirations and a model to your children and our young generations;

In politics, you have played the active role of the Filipinos in this country;

As a community leader, you have spearheaded various projects in different departments forming organizations in various spheres;

As a religious leader of the Santo Niño de Cebu Association International, the leadership you have shown in the propagation and the fiesta celebrations is unmatched and has uplifted the image of the Filipino people in the United States and in other countries.

Your tireless efforts in all your undertakings, we too, salute!

DAISIE V. HARRISON & JOHN HARRISON
Advisory Council, Commission on Aging
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TRANSPORTATION

May 31, 1984

Ms. Sally B. Famarin
c/o Friends of Sally Famarin
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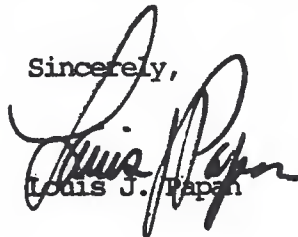
Dear Ms. Famarin:

I would like to take this opportunity to join your family and friends in saluting you on your Realtors Silver Anniversary and in commending you on 33 years of community service to the people of San Francisco.

You can indeed be proud of your many achievements in business, civic, religious and political affairs. You are recognized as the first Filipino woman realtor in California and your professional success is exemplified by your affiliations with national, state and local real estate organizations. The residents of San Francisco have been well served by your advocacy as an appointed member of various city boards and commissions. Your leadership and organizational skills have helped make the Annual Fiesta of the Santo de Cebu in San Francisco the largest procession of its kind in the United States. Finally, your integrity and extensive involvement in the political process are attributes well respected by elected officials who count on your guidance and support in the community.

You have given so much of yourself to the betterment of the community. It is only proper that we take a few moments to express our deepest appreciation. Please accept my best wishes for every continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,


Louis J. Papan

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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

June 6, 1984

Friends of Sally Famarin
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Ms. Famarin:

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to congratulate you on your many years as a community activist.

You have proved to be not only a successful and dedicated businesswoman, but also a mainstay in the City of San Francisco. I am honored to join your friends and family in celebrating your years of commitment, diligence, and involvement.

Again, congratulations on an outstanding record of contribution to our great City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Willie L. Brown, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

WILLIE LEWIS BROWN, JR.
Speaker of the Assembly

WLB/msb



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Congratulations
and
Best Wishes

SENATOR JOHN F. FORAN
California State Senate



Dear Sally,

Great achievements require great daring. May I express my admiration for the courage you have shown over the years, against so many odds, not the least of which was your Filipino origin. May this courage continue to grow and bring you greater success.

Happy Silver Anniversary. Like in the Olympics, let's go for the Gold!

Yours truly in the Santo Nino,


MSGR. RODOLFO VILLANUEVA
Dean, San Carlos Seminary College

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Member
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco



NANCY G. WALKER

May 16, 1984

Friends of Sally Famarin
2207 Twenty-eighth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116



Dear Friends,

I am happy to write this letter for Ms. Sally B. Famarin on the occasion of her Realtors Silver Anniversary.

Ms. Famarin is a great asset to the Filipino community and to the City and County of San Francisco. Her extensive list of affiliations and community involvement attest to her belief and commitment in making San Francisco a better place to live.

We are lucky to have Ms. Famarin's input on various projects and activities. Her rich experience has made a difference to the people of San Francisco.

My congratulations to Ms. Famarin and best wishes in the future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Nancy G. Walker

Member
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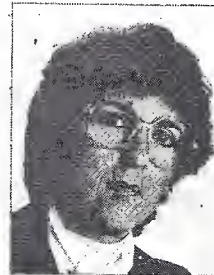
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Member:

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21 May 1984

Sally Famarin
Friends of Sally Famarin
2207 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116



Dear Sally,

Congratulations on the celebration of your Realtors
Silver Anniversary!

In thirty-three years you have established a list of
credits and accomplishments that I'm sure would be the
envy of even the most successful businesspersons. As you
well know, the annual Fiesta of the Santo Niño de Cebu,
which you helped to initiate, is one of my favorite events.

I wish you the best of luck in attaining future goals,
and look forward to attending your celebration in June.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

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Carol Ruth Silver

Member
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco



LOUISE H. RENNE

May 17, 1984

Friends of Sally Famarin
2207 Twenty-eight Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate Sally Basiga Famarin on the occasion of her Realtors Silver Anniversary celebration held in conjunction with her 33 years of service to the community.

Sally Famarin has been an outstanding citizen of San Francisco. Successful in her business career, Sally was the first Filipino woman realtor in California. Actively involved in many civic, social, religious and political activities, Sally has contributed much to the life and well-being of San Francisco.

It is a great pleasure for me to join with so many others in saluting Sally Famarin. Sally, you are one terrific lady!

Sincerely,

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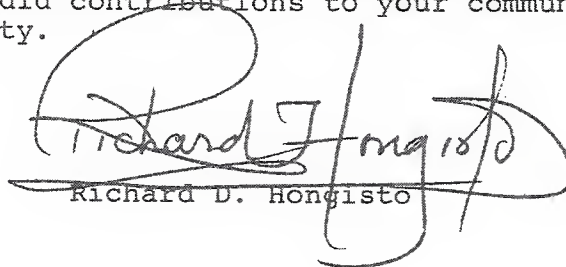
Louise H. Renne
Member, SF Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR RICHARD D. HONGISTO

May 7, 1984

Congratulations, Sally, on your REALTOR'S
SILVER ANNIVERSARY and thank you for your
many splendid contributions to your community
and our city.


Richard D. Hongisto



CONGRATULATIONS

*COMMISSIONER SALLY BASIGA FAMARIN ON YOUR REALTORS
SILVER ANNIVERSARY*

*YOUR HARD WORK IN YOUR ENDEAVORS AS A BUSINSSWOMAN AND COMMU-
NITY PERSON HAS TOUCHED THOSE WHO ARE PRIVILEGED TO KNOW YOU.*

*WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOU EACH YEAR DURING THE FIESTA OF THE
SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU IN SAN FRANCISCO AND IN THE POLITICAL FIELD IS
SOMETHING TO REMEMBER. YOU HAVE INVOLVED YOURSELF AND HAVE
GIVEN SO MUCH NOT ONLY CITY WIDE BUT STATE AND NATION WIDE.*

*WE ARE STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN DIFFERENT
COMMUNITY PROJECTS.*

MABUHAY!!!!!!

*COMMISSIONER GEORGIA MEGUE
AND
FRANK MEGUE
OAKLAND-UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA*

Member
Board of Supervisors
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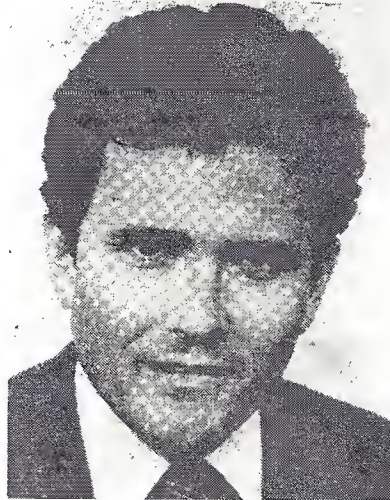
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RULES AND LEGISLATION



June 13, 1984

It is a distinct pleasure to be a part of Sally Famarin's 25th anniversary celebration of her work as a realtor.

The one word that comes to mind when I think of Sally Famarin is "class." In her myriad of activities she has always given that extra effort to make sure that her name is only associated with activities she can take pride in.

In business, Sally's class has meant a high degree of professionalism that means the Filipino community can be proud she was California's first Filipino realtor.

In her leadership role as a Filipino-American, she has never waited for others to take the initiative. Watching the energy she has put into making Fiestas - one of San Francisco's premiere cultural events - has shown me a rare sense of pride in the history of her people, her family, her church, and the beautiful Filipino-American community of San Francisco.

For those of us honoring Sally the place where her class has meant the most is in her personal relationships. To be Sally's friend is to have someone you know you can count on, who will always make you proud. So many of us owe so much to this remarkable woman.

In honoring her we are expressing not only our pride in her, but also in the values she represents, which are so strong among Filipino-Americans. She deserves all the praise we can give her, for her work, her giving of herself, and her friendship.

Harry Britt

HARRY BRITT

QUENTIN L. KOPP

Board of Supervisors
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June 1, 1984

Ms. Sally B. Famarin
2207 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Sally:

I am pleased and honored to have this opportunity to congratulate you on the auspicious occasion of your Realtors Silver Anniversary.

Your contributions to the business, civic and religious communities in San Francisco testify to your ingenuity, spirit and personal integrity.

Your sterling achievements as a realtor, political activist, and mother are to be commended. Your distinguished service on behalf of Filipino-Americans and your unstinting dedication to furthering the development of the Cebu Association have enriched the lives of many in this city.

It is with profound respect and admiration that I extend to you my sincere best wishes for continued accomplishments and fulfillment in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Quentin
QUENTIN L. KOPP

QLK:mad

JOHN R. LAURICELLA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
690 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1400
SAN FRANCISCO 94104

(415) 986-5200

June 5, 1984



John Lauricella, Esquire
San Francisco

Friends of Sally Basiga Famarin
2207 Twenty eighth Avenue
San Francisco, California 94116

Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to be allowed to extend my sincerest greetings and congratulations to Sally Basiga Famarin on the occasion of her Realtors Silver Anniversary.

I have always known Ms. Famarin to be a highly intelligent, motivated and dedicated individual who has selflessly contributed her attributes to the Catholic Church, to the State and to the Democratic Party.

I wish her continued success in all of her endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "John R. Lauricella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John R. Lauricella

South of Market Alliance

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June 11, 1984

Dear Sally,

Congratulations on your Silver Jubilee anniversary
as a realtor!

I, and the South of Market Alliance wish to thank
you also for your thirty three years of service to our
community. You are a model to our young Filipinas who
look for role models of both professional women and
mothers. Your efforts to organize the annual parade in
honor of Santo Nino de Cebu have inspired many in our
community with not only religious fervor, but with a
sense of the heritage of the Filipino people.

I am pleased that you are being honored on this
special occasion, and am happy to add my name to the
long list of your friends.

Sincerely,

Isabel Ugat
For The Alliance
Isabel Ugat

*Thank you for lending your
name in the formation of the
South of Market Alliance.*

MAX C. PERALTA
Grand Master

Col. STEVE M. SADANG, Ph.D.
Grand Secretary-Treasurer

ESTHER GALVAN
Asst. Grand Sec.-Treas.



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June 1, 1984

Ms. Sally Basiga Famarin
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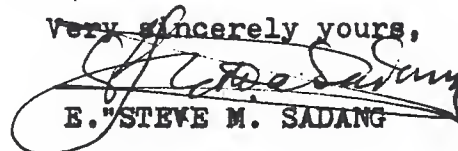
Dear Sally and Friends:

I am indeed deeply honored to be given this opportunity to extend my sincerest, and of the CABALLEROS DE DIMASALANG'S greetings and congratulations for your Realtors' Silver anniversary.

We are very appreciative of your most active role in the social, cultural, religious and economic well-being and upliftment of the Filipino-Americans and of the entire populace in the community, state and Nation.

May I pray for your continued success in all aspects of human endeavor and may God, the Almighty, bless you for more years of loyal and active service to HIM, Country, People and Government!

Very sincerely yours,

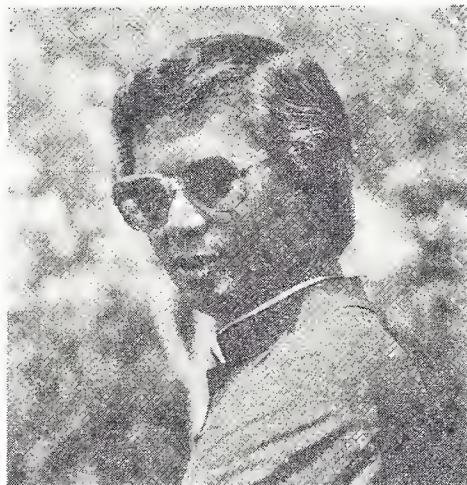

E. STEVE M. SADANG



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE AGONY

GETHSEMANE PARISH

Casuntingan, Mandaue City Cebu * Philippines 6433



MESSAGE

We here in the Parish of Gethsemane in Casuntingan, Mandaue City, joyfully greet MS. SALLY BASIGA FAMARIN in her record achievements as a Realtor as well as her having been a Commissioner of the City and County of San Francisco, California all these years.

Our greetings go with our proud congratulations for her being a Filipina with singular accomplishments in her adopted country of the United States of America.

Our pride also rests on her origins in this Parish of Gethsemane, her home and relations being a part of this community from the foundation of the parish in 1978. We hereby acknowledge her valued support and participation, even from thousands of miles away, in the growth and development of this flock of Christ of the Agony, in the building of our parish church.

May she serves as an exemplar for what one dedicated lady can do for country and fellow-man.

May our own prayers add to her drive for greater things in the years ahead.

In Christ of the Agony,


MSGR. VIRGILIO R. YAP, H.P.
Parish Priest

Church of Our Lord of the Agony
Gethsemane Parish
Casuntingan, Mandaue City
Philippines

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MOM!

I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ALICIA AND I. WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME IS SOMETHING I LACKED OVER THE YEARS WITH MY REAL MOTHER AND THAT IS LOVE AND CARE. AND SOMETIMES THAT'S ALL YOU REALLY NEED IN LIFE TO REALLY MAKE IT. I APPRECIATE YOU MOSTLY, DEEPLY.

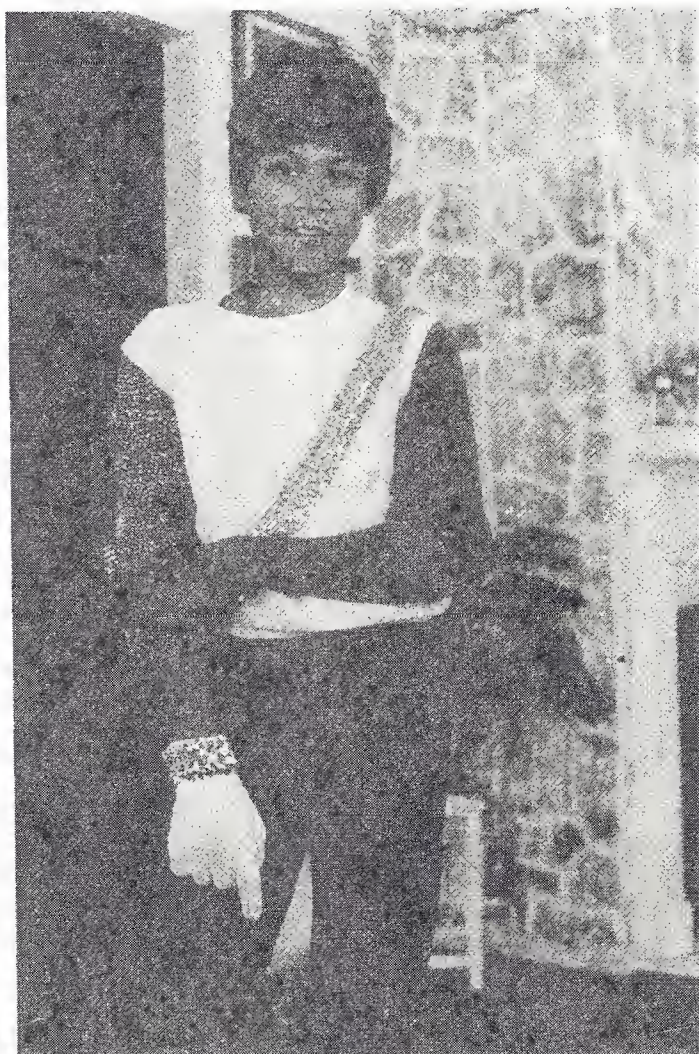
ALICIA AND I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT WE MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, AND, THANKS ,MOM, FOR EVERYTHING.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UNTIRING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, SOCIALLY, POLITICALLY, RELIGIOUSLY AND MOSTLY TO THE FAMILY.

LOVE,

LYNN AND ALICIA





DEAR NANA,

YOU HAVE BEEN A GREAT PERSON IN MY LIFE. YOU HAVE BEEN SO WONDERFUL I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE IT. BUT I CAN SAY THAT I THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME WITH ALL MY PROBLEMS. I ALSO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME YOU HAVE SPENT WITH ME AND GUIDING ME THROUGH LIFE.

I AM REALLY HONORED TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT AND WONDERFUL GRANDMOTHER. YOU ARE THE GREATEST. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

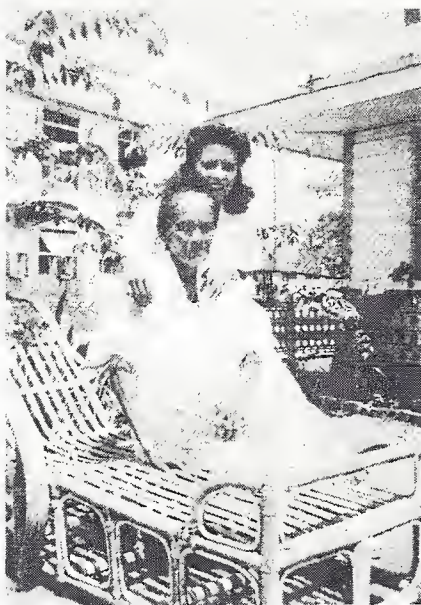
WITH ALL MY LOVE.

GRANDSON,

ANTHONY RIZOTTO



The latest Famarin family photo with Sally Anne, Rudy, Sally, and Cathy.



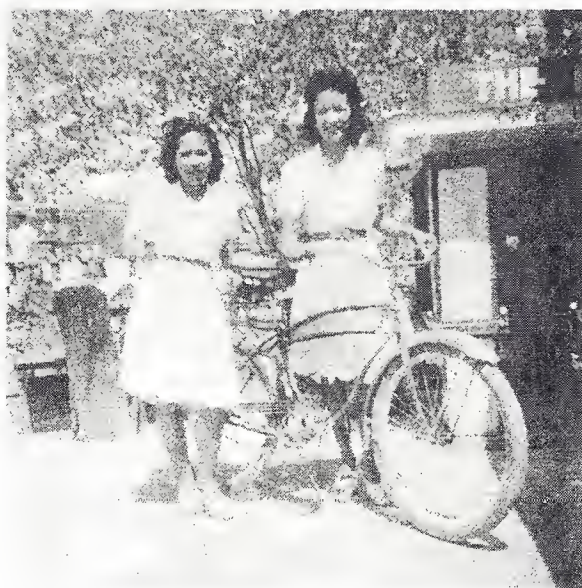
Mother and Sally relax after a hard day's work.



Sally at the age of 18 with her younger sister Estefa Basiga Estellore.



At her mother's house which she built for the old lady.



After a bicycle practice in 1947 with her friend Flora Adriatico.



Sally Basiga married to Carsiolo Famarin on February 5, 1950.

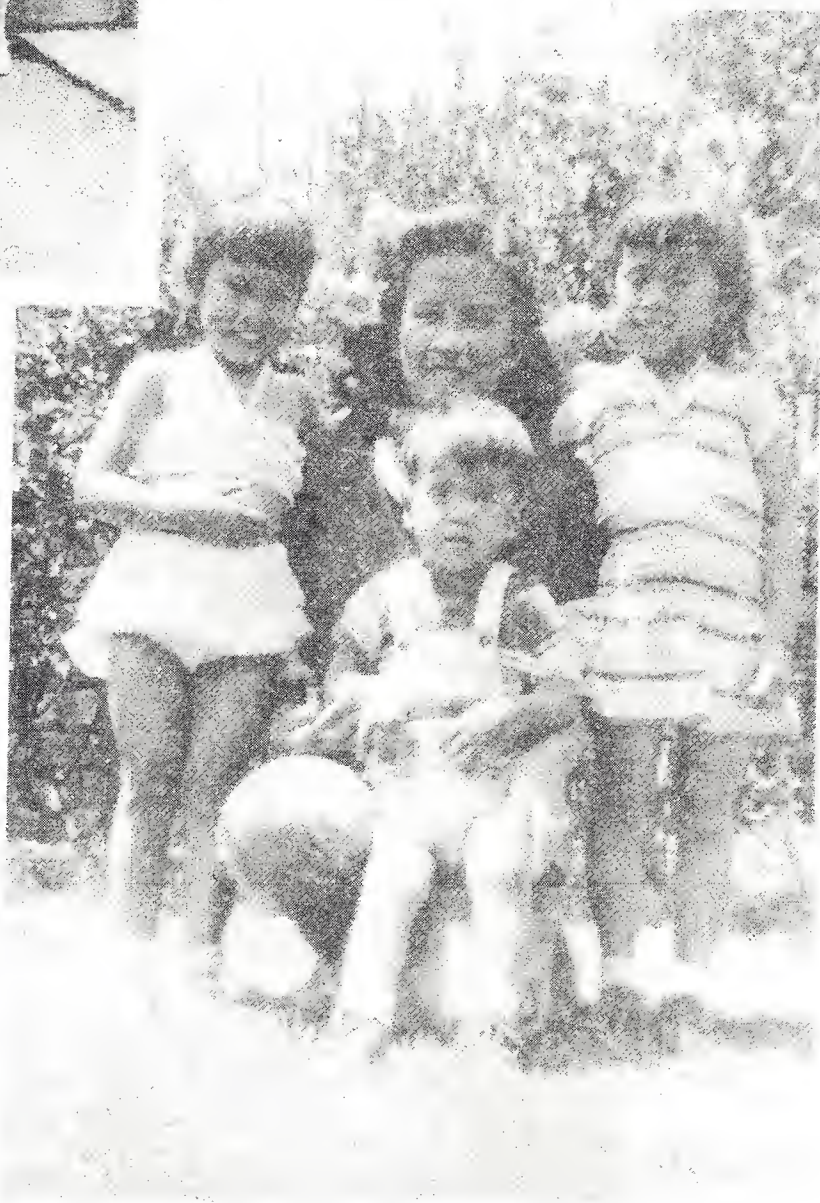


Tour in Japan on the way to the United States in 1950. The group are all immigrants to the United States.



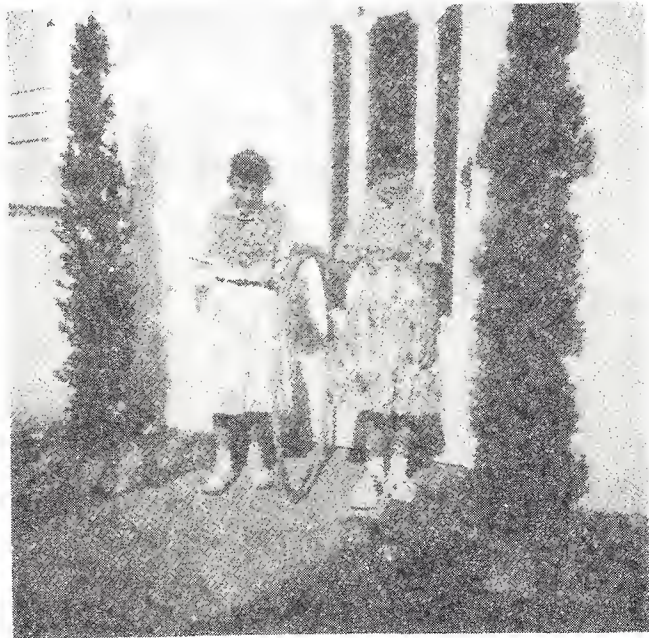
Early photo with husband Carsiolo Famarin.

The young husband and wife in their first home in San Francisco, California (below) Sally as a mother of three in 1954 San Francisco, California (right).



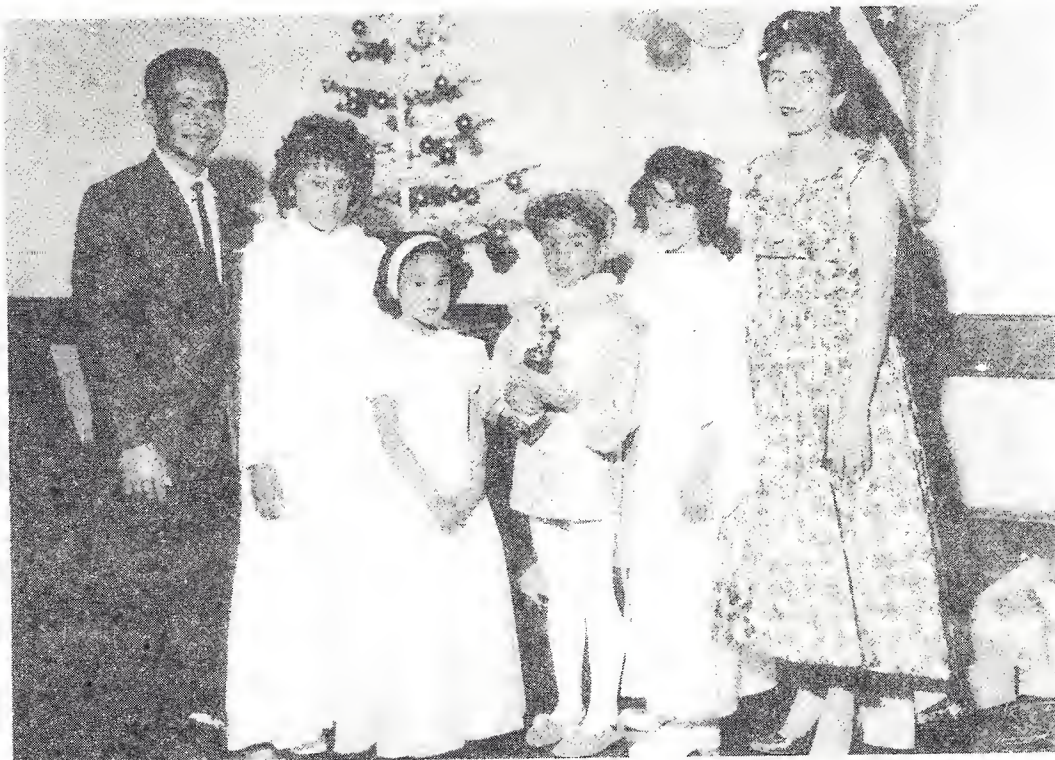


The Famarin's in 1958.



Sally and Cathay in front of the Famarin's second home in San Francisco.

Christmas pageant with the family in 1962 in San Francisco. Prince Rodolfo crowned during the pageant.





Sally tending her flower garden.



The Famarin family in 1972 with Cathay, Sally Anne, Rudy, Sally and Rosemarie.



Rosemarie Famarin at the age of 17.



Cathay Famarin crowned Princess of the Regular Veterans Association in 1965 at the Sheraton Palace Hotel with the family.

Here and there a thought catches my attention, one which I cannot resist. It usually takes the form of verses in my own native tongue. Here and there too, in this book, such verses pop up, like this one written at age 14.

ANG LALAKE

Mibati ka'g dakong garbo,
Nalukop mo ang kalibutan sa panugilon
Nga ikaw igmat ug hawod
Ug maayong laki
Tungod kay gikutay mo ang gidaghanon sa mga bagaye
Kansang kadunganan imong napusgay.

Gipasiatab mo ang imong pagkasulondon,
Nga ikaw angayang panaminan
Niadtong mga ulitawong pataypatay
Kinsa nahigugma uban sa putli'ng gugma
Ug wala maghambin sa pagtikas sa kabililhon
Ug kaputli sa usa ka babaye.

Matag hinigugma nimo (kay dili ka man matagbaw
Sa usa lamang ka hinigugma)
Dili mo gayud lung-an hangtud imong kapahimuslan
Ang iyang kahuyang
Bisan pa masud-ong nimo ang iyang gipabaha nga
daghang mga luha.

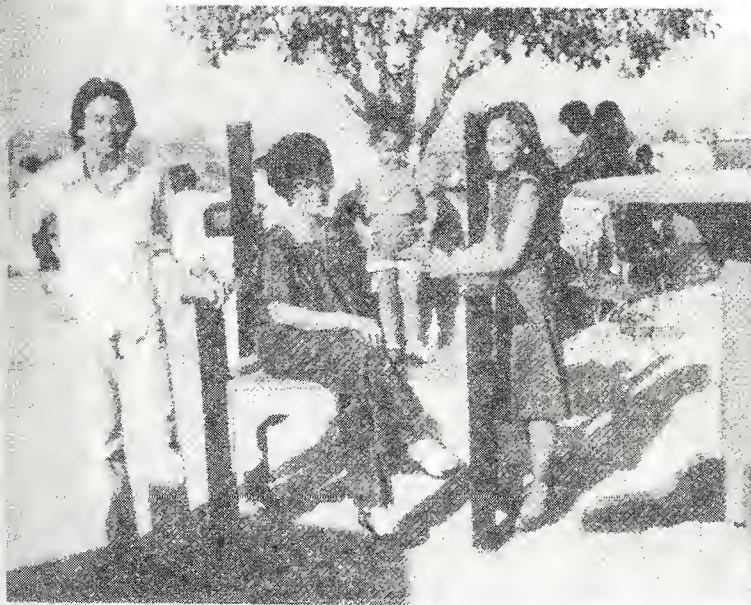
Matag lampus mo sa imong mahugaw'ng mga buhat
Mosinggit ka dayon sa imong kadaugan
Kay giisip mo mang kadaugan ang kadugmogan
Sa dungog sa uban,
Ug wala mo hunahunaa, wala mo palandong, wala mo hinuktoki
Nga matag babaye larawan
Sa usa ka inahan —
Nga ang dili mobuot buhaton sa uban ngadto sa
imong inahan,
Dili mo usab pagabuhaton ngadto sa laing babaye.

Dili ug wala ka
Maghunahuna, magpalandong, maghinuktok niini,
Kay sa matag higayon nga moawhag unta kanimo
ang paghanduraw
Sa imong binuhatan,
Ihalad mo hinoon aron pagbalay ug mga paagi'g bag-o
Aron lain ug bag-o nga mahuyang
Mahasulod na usab sa imong laang,
Ug mosinggit ka na usab sa imong kadaugan.

Gidapit mo ang kasilag,
Gihagit mo ang kusog sa luha
Sa babayeng imoong gilimbongan,
Ug bisan pa sa sinugdan
Ikaw mikatawa lamang sa mga kasakitan niya,
Moabut da ang takna kanus-a bati-on nimo
Nga libo ka pito ang gidak-on sa mga kasakitan
Nga ginaantus sa babayeng gikawatan mo sa dungog.

Unya, anha pa ikaw masayud
Nga sa larawang masuhoton sa imong inahan,
Kon sa matulisoko'ng tudlo sa usa mo ka igsoong babaye,
Ikaw diay usa ba mabangis nga mananap
Nga nagtakuban lamang sa ngalang tawo,
Nga ikaw maoy usa ka lampingasan, usa ka tawong boang,
Ug kanimo may gihay pa sa buhilaman sa nahauna
Nga makahatag ug pagtahud kaniya sa mga tawong but-an

Mabangis ka,
Lampingasan ka,
Sa hingpit nga kahulogan sa maong pulong!



A trip to Universal Studios with the family.



Introducing Alicia Famarin and Anthony Famarin Rizotto.



Grandson, Anthony Rizotto getting ready for bed.



Alicia Famarin with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Grandson Anthony and grand daughter Alicia playing war games.



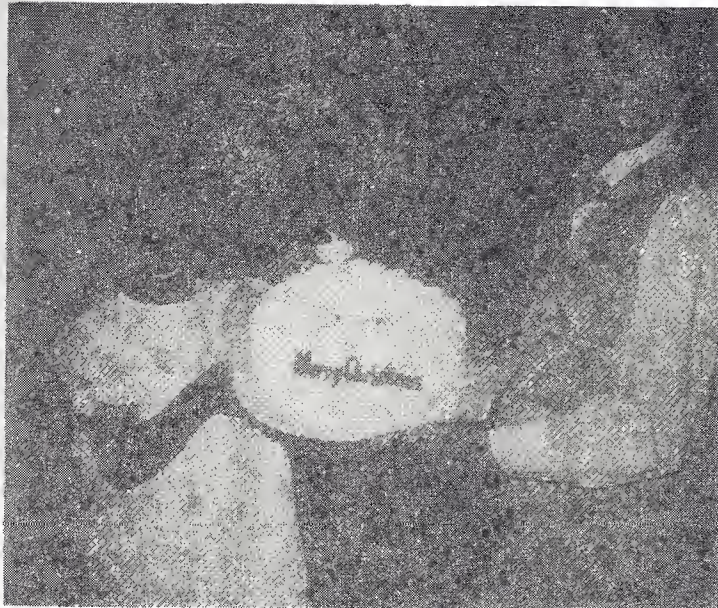
Alicia Famarin became the 1985 Cebu Association "Cebu Princess".



ally and granddaughter Alicia and one of her slippers, present from her daughter Cathay.



Granddaughter Aliciaa Famarin in her Halloween get-up.



Anthony and Alicia getting ready to eat the Santa Claus cake.



Anthony choosing which present to open.



Sally together with her grandchildren.



Sally with Cathay, in-laws, and grandchildren.

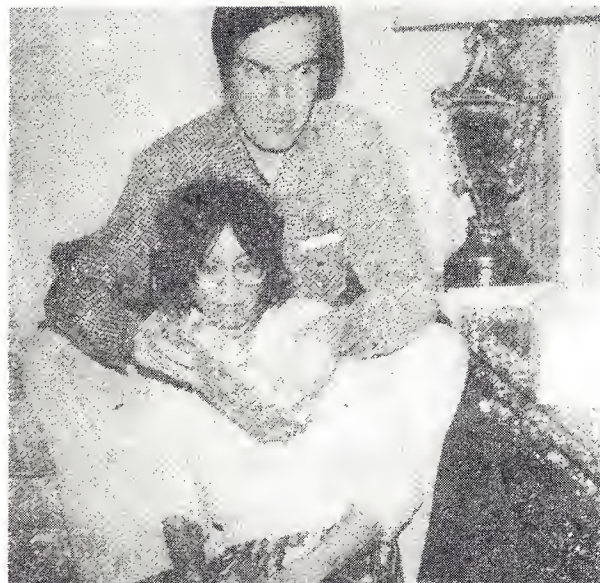


The Famarin family on a holiday tour in Cebu in 1984.

Sally and relatives opening a present.



At a happy Christmas morning, Sally with her presents on.



Dan and Cathay one of the presents at Christmas.